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Our Case No. 9281-4240

Client Ref. No. J US00142

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Tomokuni Wauke

Serial No.: 10/042,068

Filing Date: January 8, 2002

For: THIN INNER ROTOR MOTOR FOR
ROTATABLY DRIVING MEDIUM, AND
DISK APPARATUS USING THE SAME

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PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT

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Dear Sir:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 10/042,068 has a patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. §154(b) of 4 days as indicated by the PAIR PTA adjustment history, herein attached as Appendix A. U.S. Patent Application 10/042,068 is not subject to a terminal disclaimer. For the reasons stated herein, reconsideration of this patent term adjustment is respectfully requested.

Period of adjustment pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.703(a)

Applicants agree with the PTO calculation of the period of adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a) of 24 days (the period from 14 months after the filing of the application on January 8, 2002 to the mailing of the first Office Action on April 1, 2003).

Period of adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b)

The period of adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b) is the number of days in the period beginning on the day ("the 3 year date") after the date that is three years after the date on which the application was filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) or fulfilled the requirements pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 371.

The present application was filed on January 8, 2002 as indicated on the Filing Receipt and Express Mail receipt, which are attached as Appendix B and C, respectively. The 3 year date specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b) is January 8, 2005. The mailing date of Notice of Allowance is July 18, 2006. The Notice of Allowance is attached as Appendix D. The difference between the 3 year date (January 8, 2005) and the mailing date of Notice of Allowance (July 18, 2005) is 556 days.

Applicant's Attorney expects that additional non-overlapping delay can reasonably be expected prior to a patent issuing from the present application. Applicant's Attorney therefore requests re-computation of the period of adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703 upon identification of the date of issue of the patent of the present application to reflect this delay. With this request, Applicant's Attorney further reserves the right to request reconsideration of the patent term adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d) if the term of the issued patent is believed to be extended or adjusted incorrectly.

Reduction in period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b)

With respect to the grounds for adjustment set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)-(e), an applicant is deemed to have failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application for the cumulative total of any periods or time in excess of three months that are taken to reply to any notice or action by the Office. Any such three month period is measured from the date the notice or action was mailed to the applicant. The period of adjustment set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.703 shall be

reduced by the number of days beginning on the day ("the 3 month date") after the date that is three months after the date of mailing of the Office communication.

The PTO calculation of the period of reduction under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b), as indicated by the PAIR PTA adjustment history, herein attached as Appendix A, is 20 days.

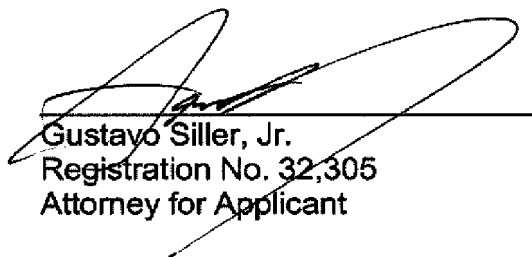
Total patent term adjustment

For the present application, the total patent term adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(f) is the adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703 reduced by the reduction under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704. The total adjustment is thus $24 + 556 - 20 = \underline{560 \text{ days}}$.

For the reasons stated herein, reconsideration of the patent term adjustment is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.705(b). A check for \$200 covering the petition for PTA appeal is included. However, should any additional fee be required, please charge the fee or credit any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the patent term adjustment for this application. Office personnel are invited to contact the undersigned for Applicants via telephone if such communication would expedite this request.

Respectfully submitted,


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APPENDIX

A

Search results as of: 10-12-2006::07:48:00 E.T.

Patent Term Adjustment

Filing or 371(c) Date:	01-08-2002	USPTO Delay (PTO) Delay (days):	24
Issue Date of Patent:	-	Three Years:	-
Pre-Issue Petitions (days):	+0	Applicant Delay (APPL) Delay (days):	20
Post-Issue Petitions (days):	+0	Total Patent Term Adjustment (days):	4
USPTO Adjustment(days):	+0	Explanation Of Calculations	

Patent Term Adjustment History

Date	Contents Description	PTO(Days)	APPL(Days)
07-18-2006	Mail Notice of Allowance		
07-14-2006	Notice of Allowance Data Verification Completed		
07-14-2006	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU		
06-14-2006	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
06-02-2006	Response after Ex Parte Quayle Action		
04-03-2006	Mail Ex Parte Quayle Action (PTOL - 326)		
03-31-2006	Ex Parte Quayle Action		
01-30-2006	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
01-20-2006	Response after Non-Final Action		1
10-25-2005	IFW TSS Processing by Tech Center Complete		↑
07-31-2002	Reference capture on IDS		↑
01-08-2002	Reference capture on IDS		↑
10-19-2005	Mail Non-Final Rejection		↑
10-17-2005	Non-Final Rejection		
08-10-2005	Examiner Interview Summary Record (PTOL - 413)		
08-08-2005	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
08-01-2005	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)		12
08-08-2005	DISPOSAL FOR A RCE/CPA/129 (express abandonment if CPA)		↑
08-01-2005	Request for Extension of Time - Granted		↑
08-01-2005	Workflow - Request for RCE - Begin		↑
07-05-2005	Mail Advisory Action (PTOL - 303)		↑
06-30-2005	Advisory Action (PTOL-303)		↑
06-28-2005	Date Forwarded to Examiner		↑
06-23-2005	Amendment after Final Rejection		↑
04-20-2005	Mail Final Rejection (PTOL - 326)		↑
04-18-2005	Final Rejection		
03-10-2005	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
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11-29-2004	Mail Non-Final Rejection		↑
11-26-2004	Non-Final Rejection		
11-23-2004	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
11-18-2004	Amendment after Final Rejection		

11-18-2004	Workflow incoming amendment IFW	
09-15-2004	Mail Final Rejection (PTOL - 326)	
09-13-2004	Final Rejection	
08-30-2004	Date Forwarded to Examiner	
08-16-2004	Response after Non-Final Action	
08-16-2004	Workflow incoming amendment IFW	
06-07-2004	Mail Non-Final Rejection	
05-28-2004	Non-Final Rejection	
04-22-2004	Date Forwarded to Examiner	
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04-16-2004	Workflow incoming amendment IFW	
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03-29-2004	Date Forwarded to Examiner	
03-22-2004	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	5
03-29-2004	DISPOSAL FOR A RCE/CPA/129 (express abandonment if CPA)	↑
03-22-2004	Workflow incoming amendment IFW	↑
03-22-2004	Workflow - Request for RCE - Begin	↑
12-17-2003	Mail Final Rejection (PTOL - 326)	↑
12-08-2003	Final Rejection	
11-04-2003	Date Forwarded to Examiner	
10-03-2003	Response after Non-Final Action	
07-07-2003	Mail Non-Final Rejection	
07-02-2003	Non-Final Rejection	
05-16-2003	Date Forwarded to Examiner	
05-06-2003	Response to Election / Restriction Filed	
04-01-2003	Mail Restriction Requirement	24
03-31-2003	Requirement for Restriction / Election	↑
07-31-2002	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed	↑
03-07-2002	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU	↑
01-08-2002	Request for Foreign Priority (Priority Papers May Be Included)	↑
01-08-2002	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed	↑
02-15-2002	Application Dispatched from OIPE	↑
02-13-2002	Application Is Now Complete	↑
01-25-2002	IFW Scan & PACR Auto Security Review	↑
01-08-2002	Initial Exam Team nn	↑

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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE	GRP ART UNIT	FIL FEE REC'D	ATTY. DOCKET NO	DRAWINGS	TOT CLAIMS	IND CLAIMS
10/042,068	01/08/2002	2834	1652	9281-4240	10	66	4

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

Foreign Applications

JAPAN 2001-001747 01/09/2001

JAPAN 2001-049346 02/23/2001

JAPAN 2001-049350 02/23/2001

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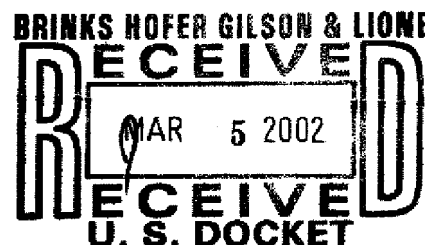
Projected Publication Date: 07/11/2002

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

Thin inner rotor motor for rotatably driving medium, and disk apparatus using the same



Preliminary Class

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PAPER NUMBER

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/042,068	01/08/2002	Tomokuni Wauke	9281-4230	3902

TITLE OF INVENTION: THIN INNER ROTOR MOTOR FOR ROTATABLY DRIVING MEDIUM, AND DISK APPARATUS USING THE SAME

APPL. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1400	\$300	\$0	\$1700	10/18/2006

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- ☐ a. Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ b. Applicant is no longer claiming SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2).

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 4 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 4 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/042,068

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/2/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10, 36-67 and 70.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings were received on 1/8/02. These drawings are accepted.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-10, 36-67, and 70 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: see paper dated 1/20/06.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

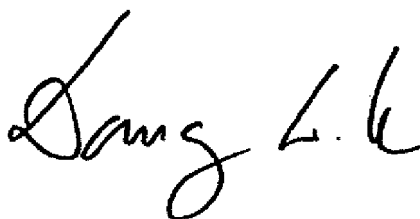
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dang D. Le whose telephone number is (571) 272-2027. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached on (571) 272-2044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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